(c) During the year 2004-05, an amount of Rs. 40.00 lakhs has been given to four Universities in Andhra Pradesh and an amount of Rs. 82.32 lakhs has been given to Colleges in the State.

(d) UGC has increased its share from 60% to 100% for construction of Women Hostels during the current Plan with a view to promoting Women's participation in higher education.

Standing Committee for women studies

3307. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have constituted a Standing Committee to go into the studies dealing with women in the universities;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this Standing Committee would be a permanent body with a definite tenure;

(c) if so, whether its Members and Chairperson would get salaries, housing facilities, etc. for a fixed tenure;

(d) the details of the expenditure which would be incurred on this Committee;

(e) whether any cost-benefit study been done about the utility of this Committee; and

(f) if so, steps proposed to review the need of this Committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) The Central Government has constituted a Standing Committee to go into the working of Women's Studies on a continuing basis and to submit periodic reports to the UGC.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) to (f) This is an Expert Committee which will have its meetings as and when required. Expenditure would be incurred on TA/DA/Honorarium to the Members in connection with the meetings.